1. Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of the Republic of Poland

YANGON, 3 May - Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union Of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic Of Poland which falls on 3 May 1997.

2. No need to be shaken, nation has stood on self-reliance basis since before sanctions

YANGON, 2 May - Graduation parade of the 96th Intake of Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School was held at the school parade ground in Bahtoo Tatmyo at 7.30 am today. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye addressed the parade.

3. Sanctions will do US no good, nor will they affect Myanmar, says Secretary-1

Current political, economic trends will never be changed; people will move onward to reach aspired goal

YANGON, 2 May-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected preparations for the Student Sports Festival scheduled to be held in Hakha, Chin State, regional development tasks and preservation of ancient cultural heritage in
Bagan yesterday and today.

They were welcomed at by Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council SCommander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko of Kalay Station, other officials members of Union solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and regional people.

(4) Secretary-1 receives LPDR Justice Minister

YANGON, 2 May-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Minister of Justice Mr Kham Ohan Boupha of Lao People’s Democratic Republic and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 5 pm today.

Present also were Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Minister for Foreign affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham.

(5) MIC Chairman receives Honorary Chairman of Hyundai Motor Company

YANGON, 2 May - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Honorary Chairman of Hyundai Motor Company, Mr S Y Chung and party at his office this morning.

(6) Minister for Commerce inspects border trade posts in Shan State

YANGON, 2 May - Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi inspected the border trade post in Lashio on 29 April morning.

He was accompanied by Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Director-General Col Nay Win of Border Trade Department and officials,

The minister and party were welcomed by Lt-Col Aye Ko, Director of Lashio Region Border Trade Department, and officials.

In giving instruction to officials, Minister Lt-Gen Tun Kyi spoke of the need to seek proper ways in carrying out the departmental work such as tax collection and transport of goods. The minister then inspected Lashio aeleck Point’ at which vehicles are changed for using LashioMuse Highway and instiucted officials to make arrangement for enabling the trucks to smoothly travel on the road.
On 30 April morning, the minister inspected Muse Branch of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Ltd in the freight handling yard of Muse Border Trade Department.

The minister also inspected construction of Muse Myanma Department Stores building and urged officials for timely completion of the building.

He gave instructions on reports on border trade by Maj Khin Naung, Deputy Director of Kyukok (Pansai) Region Border Trade Department, and had discussions on reports by merchants of the region. After inspecting the site chosen for construction of Kyukok (Pansai) Check Point, the minister and party left for Mongyu and inspected of construction of cargo truck depot, check point and warehouses there.

(7) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation tours Mandalay Division

YANGON, 2 May-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected agriculture services and projects in Mandalay Division yesterday and today. He inspected inflow of water and storage at Kyauktalon’ Dam and cultivation in Taungtha Township yesterday morning.

He gave instructions on cultivation of long-staple cotton in the areas where paddy cannot be grown.

He next inspected the Ginning Factory of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise in Taungtha, the Central Agriculture Farm of Myanrna Agriculture Service in Mahlaing.

At Mahlaing Central Agriculture Farm, the minister heard reports on cultivation and production of quality cotton, pedisein, pesinngon and sesamum strains upon which he gave suggestions on boosting production and application of water-spraying technique.

(8) MIC Secretary receives Secretary of Jaingsu Province

YANGON, 2 May -Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung received Secretary of Jaingsu Province of the People’s Republic of China Mr Liu lian and party at Myanmar Investment Commission Office this morning. They discussed foreign investment law, investment opportunities, promotion of trade and friendly relations between the two countries.
The 2nd Malaysian Products Exhibition-97 opens

YANGON, 2 May-The 2nd Malaysian Products Exhibition-97, assisted by the Ministry of Cooperatives and jointly sponsored by Silver Kris Co (Myanmar) and Forum Exposition Sdn Bhd of Malaysia, opened at Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road here today. Chemicals for agricultural sector, fertilizer, papers, plastic goods, paints, silverplated and goldplated goods, fencing materials, printing materials, foodstuff, petroleum products and gas of Petronas, personal and household goods, decorated materials, ribbons, cooking oil and others, are being displayed under the assistance of MATRADE - Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation.

The exhibition will open to the public till 5 May from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm daily.